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Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes Celebrates Music in Our Schools Month at the Clemens Center on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 4:00 PM



[The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes](http://www.osfl.org) announces *Perfect Pairings: Music + Ballet Theatre* on Sunday, March 8th at 4:00 PM at the Clemens Center Powers Theater in Elmira. Under the baton of Maestro Toshiyuki Shimada, now in his 10th season with the OSFL, the Orchestra will be joined by the Wyoming Seminary Dance Company (Wyoming County, PA), Junior String Ensemble, Youth Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes, and composer Polina Nazaykinskaya. In recognition of March as Music in Our Schools Month, this concert showcases the talent of local young musicians and welcomes audiences of all ages.

The OSFL is working with the Wyoming Seminary Dance Company's Artistic Director Bernardine Vojtko to bring to life a staged, narrated performance of *Peter and the Wolf* by Sergei Prokofiev. Narration is provided by Larry Vojtko of VIA Radio, NPR affiliate for Northeastern Pennsylvania. On this concert, the OSFL will also perform the *Firebird Suite* by Igor Stravinsky.

The Junior String Ensemble will kick off the celebration with a performance in the upper lobby of the Clemens Center starting at 3:15 for the concert guests arriving early.

On stage at 4:00, the concert will begin with the Junior String Ensemble performing *The Abduction from the Seraglio, K. 384* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The Youth Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes will join the JSE on stage and do a joint performance of *Variations on a Theme by Haydn* by Johannes Brahms.

The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes will then perform side-by-side with the Youth Orchestra for a recently composed piece called *Fenix*, written by guest composer Polina Nazaykinskaya and conducted by Youth Orchestra Conductor, Augusto Diemecke. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the John G. Ullman Foundation, Ms. Nazaykinskaya will teach a Composition Workshop on Friday, March 6 from 4:00 to 5:30 at the Clemens Center. The Workshop is free and open to the public, with reservations made at 607-936-2873.

Concert Tickets: Children Under 18 FREE* with an adult ticket: \$50/\$40/\$20 Adults, \$10 Students with ID

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Please note that online ordering is not available for any Student/Children pricing. Call or visit the Clemens Center box office in advance.

Tickets: ClemensCenter.org (607) 734-8191

Details: OSFL.org

ABOUT THE ORCHESTRA OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES (OSFL)

Under the guidance of distinguished Music Director and Conductor, Toshiyuki Shimada, the OSFL celebrates its 25th season during the 2019-2020 concert year which also marks the 10th season under the baton of Maestro Shimada. This season of "Perfect Pairings" highlights partnerships with other art disciplines for each of the four main orchestra concerts.

The OSFL currently offers four regular season full orchestra concerts, including a side by side Youth Orchestra and professional musician collaboration, a Musicians' Choice chamber music series, concerts by the Chorus of the Southern Finger Lakes, several concerts by the Youth Orchestra and Junior String Ensemble, as well as smaller ensemble concerts for children. The OSFL is a strong supporter of highlighting the musical achievements of young musicians with its own Youth Orchestra and Junior String Ensemble programs, as well as the Hertzog Concerto Competition for young artists in grades 9 - 12.

The orchestra collaborates with regional cultural partners, artists, and like-minded organizations to advance our mutual artistic growth in the greater Elmira-Corning region.

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